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—The old-fashioned *Home Journal* has abandoned the unwieldy "blanket sheet," and appeared last week in the more convenient size of the modern eight-page paper; but there is no change in the tone and general style of the paper, which was established by George P. Morris and N. P. Willis nearly fifty years ago.

—A symposium on "Constructive Freethought" was begun in the New York *Truth Seeker* of Feb. 8, and will be continued through the two succeeding numbers. Among the contributors are R. G. Ingersoll, T. B. Wakeman, R. B. Westbrook (president of the American Secular Union), Parker Pillsbury, and many others.

—The next volume of the series of "Historic Towns," edited by Mr. E. H. Freeman and Mr. Hunt, will be "Winchester," by Mr. G. W. Kitchin, the Dean of Winchester, who declares that the place teems with picturesque tradition and anecdote, and thinks it the most historic of English cities. The book will be published immediately by the Longmans.

—Among the principal articles in *Belford's Magazine* for February are one by Adele M. Garrigues on the University of Michigan, one by W. A. Phillips on "The New English Invasion," and one by John McGovern on the new auditorium in Chicago. "The State and the Citizen" and "The Case of Brazil" are treated editorially.

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—On Jan. 1, 1890, was issued the first number of a monthly magazine of popular natural history for Scotland. It is intended to make it a chronicle of the work done by the different natural history societies in Scotland; and reports of their meetings, excursions, etc., as well as the more important papers read before them, will receive special attention. All communications regarding it should be addressed to the editors, care of the publisher, Mr. W. B. Robinson, 194 Sauchiehall Street and 105 New City Road, Glasgow, Scotland.

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